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**Subject:** Re: Center for Biological Diversity--letter re: Arroyo Grande Aquifer Exemption

Hopefully not DW!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 25, 2016, at 5:22 PM, Engelman, Alexa <[ENGELMAN.ALEXA@EPA.GOV](mailto:ENGELMAN.ALEXA@EPA.GOV)> wrote:

Thanks David, sharing is caring, as they say! I thought the DOGGR/SB meeting was productive today. I will take a look at the draft letter re AG Monday am, I'm working late today on a tribal/water matter that needs to get to HQ.

Have a good weekend,

Alexa

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CBD just sharing the NRDC petition.....

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Dear Mr. Albright and Mr. Montgomery,

I write to draw your attention to the March 23, 2016 petition filed by the Natural Resources Defense Council and other environmental groups to US EPA (attached). The petition argues that the aquifer exemption regulations and process violate the Safe Drinking Water Act, and must therefore either be repealed or amended. The petition details the many reasons this program is failing, which include many of the same reasons we are requesting that EPA deny the Arroyo Grande aquifer exemption. These include, among others:

- Arbitrary aquifer exemption boundaries;
- Evidence that people are using the aquifers for drinking water;
- Evidence that pollution has migrated from exempt aquifers to surrounding groundwater;
- Need for groundwater modeling—which is a “known science” that has been around for decades; and,
- Water purification technologies have improved since 1980, and water that was previously thought “undrinkable” is now potentially drinkable.

I urge you to read this petition in light of our comments on the AGOF. We believe that these demonstrate the need to reject the Arroyo Grande aquifer exemption request. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Best,  
Maya

Maya Golden-Krasner

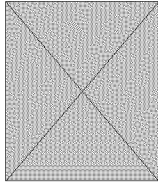
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